GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1231
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposal received from the Government of Gujarat regarding construction of new railway lines, gauge conversions, doubling of rail lines and electrification during the last three years;

(b) the details of the each of the new and on-going projects alongwith funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon, so far;

(c) the target fixed for completion of these projects, project- wise;

(d) whether these projects are going as per schedule;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government for timely completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1231 B Y SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2005 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

(a): Record of each and every demand for taking up new project is not maintained. However, some of the proposals received from the Government of Gujarat for construction of new lines, gauge conversion, doubling and railway electrification in the last few years is as under:-

Sl.No.	Proposal	Action Taken
	NEW LINE	
1.	Bhavnagar Port-Dholera-Tarapur	Survey is in progress from Bhavnagar to Tarapur via Dholera.
2.	Extension upto Hazira Port new line	It is one of the identified port connectivity projects entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Bankability study have been done and project found bankable.
	GAUGE CONVERSION	
1.	Bharuch-Dahej port connectivity	It is one of the identified projects with RVNL The proposal is under

process of approval.	
2. Sabarmati-Botad Ahmedabad-Botad is also in progress.	Survey for gauge conversion of
3. Ahmedabad-Udaipur via Himmatnagar (Udaipur City) is in progress.	Survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Umra
4. Dhasa-Jetalsar	Survey is in progress.
5. Mahesana-Taranga Hill and its extension upto Abu Road and Ambaji	Survey for gauge conversion of Mahesana-Taranga Hill with extension upto Ambaji is included in the Budget 2005-06.
6. Bhuj-Naliya Bhuj-Naliya with extension to Baranda/Koteswar is included in the Budget 2005-06.	Survey for gauge conversion of

DOUBLING

1. Ahmedabad-Mumbai 3rd line Ahmedabad has been completed. In view of saturation on this section, it has been decided to augment the line capacity of the route by adopting automatic signaling. However, in phase-I, the work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has been taken up. An updating survey for 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad is in progress.	3rd A survey for construction of line between Virar and
2 Additional track for Vadodara-Godhra	Survey for third line between Ratlam-Vadodara is included in the Budget 2005-06.

Besides the above, the proposals had been received for construction of new lines, gauge conversion, doubling & railway electrification and in some of the cases, surveys have also been taken up. However, it has not been found feasible to take up the following proposed projects in view of heavy throw- forward of ongoing works and constraint of resources.

NEW LINE

1. Rail link to Bedi Port

GAUGE CONVERSION

1. Dhasa-Veraval

(b) to (f): Details of the new and on-going projects alongwith funds allocated, expenditure incurred and present position with targets wherever fixed are as under:-
(Rs. in crore)

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Sl. No.	PROJECT	Year of inclusion in Budget	Cost	Approximate Expenditure upto March 2005	Budget Outlay 2005-06	Status
	NEW LINES					
1	Gandhinagar-Kalol	2000-01	49.96	27.09	15	42.20 hectare out of 51.19 hectare land has been acquired. Earthwork, bridgeworks and ballast supply are in various stages of progress. Work on Gandhinagar-Kalol section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
2	Godhra-Indore via Dahod, Sardarpur, Dhar & Dewas-Maksi	1989-90	946.16	67.70	15	On this project, work on Dewas – Maksi (36 Km) has been completed and commissioned. Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up the work on remaining section.
	GAUGE CONVERSION					
3	Gandhidham-Palanpur	1998-99	344.63	183.56	100	This project is being executed by RVNL through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named "Kutch Rail Company". Earthwork, bridges and ballasting are in various stages of progress. Work on Palanpur-Samakhiali section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
4	Surendranagar-Bhavnagar, Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva with extension to Pipavav	1996-97	440.18	163.51	4.50	The work of conversion of main line from Surendranagar to Rajula with connectivity to Pipavav has been completed. Work on Dhola-Bhavnagar and Rajula-Mahuva has also been completed and Sihor-Palitana is targeted for completion during 2004-05.
5.	Rajkot-Veraval, Wansjalia to Jetalsar with new line from Veraval to Somnath	1994-95	359.8	234.26	5	Work on Rajkot-Veraval section (186 km) has been completed. Work on Veraval-Somnath is in progress.
6.	Bhildi-Viramgam	1990-91	199.75	106.79	5	The project consists of gauge conversion from Viramgam to Patan and construction of new line of 52.64 kms between Patan and Bhildi. Work on Viramgam-Mahesana (65 kms) has been completed and commissioned.
7.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad & Delhi-Rewar 2nd line	1993-94	621.86	472.97	3	The work on main line has been completed and commissioned. Residual works of Sabarmati- Khodiyar and Ahmedabad Yard remodeling are in progress. Gauge conversion of Rewari-Delhi (82.5 kms) is also a part of this work where formation works have been completed. The work is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
8	Bhildi-Samdari	1990-91	244.74	7.58	30	This work was sanctioned in 1990-91 as a part of Kandla-Bhatinda rail link. The work was earlier given lower priority in view of gauge conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad. The project is being implemented under National rail Vikas Yojana by RVNL. Earthwork & bridge

					works on Samdari-Bhinmal are in progress.
DOUBLING					
9.	Surat-Kosamba (Phase-I)	2000-01	49	0.005	8.62	This Project is being regulated as per low operational priority.

Projects are being progressed as per availability of resources. A number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence, additional resources for National Projects and funds for National Rail Vikas Yojana. With these efforts, it may be feasible to expedite the progress of projects.